

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**April 10, 2001**

**FROM:**           **DOUG HALLEN**  
Interim Public Health Program Administrator

**SUBJECT:**       **CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY FOR VETERINARY SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve contract with the Town of Apple Valley, in the annual amount of \$2,500 for the provision of veterinary services, for the period of April 10, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Various local ordinances govern health and safety inspections of commercial animal establishments such as kennels, pet grooming parlors, pet shops, and game bird farms. The Department of Public Health provides inspections and other services related to such establishments and has contracted with various cities to provide these services.

Since 1996, the Town of Apple Valley has contracted with the County of San Bernardino to provide preventive veterinary services in the form of veterinary inspections of commercial animal establishments as stated in Apple Valley Municipal Code Sections 15.01.110-15.01.120. Specifically, the Department of Public Health inspects the following: kennels, pet shops, pet grooming parlors, public aquariums, game bird farms, petting zoos, wild animal breeding and boarding facilities, animal menagerie and wild, exotic or non-domestic animals in captivity.

Approval of this revenue contract will establish an annual compensation to the County of San Bernardino in the amount of \$ 2,500. The Department of Public Health anticipates conducting forty veterinary inspections and, as needed, follow-up investigations per year. A fee of \$ 2,500 is to be paid by the Town of Apple Valley to cover the costs of the inspections, which includes personnel time and usage of a county vehicle. Also established in this revenue contract is the agreement between the Town of Apple Valley and the County of San Bernardino for collection of permit fees by the County of San Bernardino. It is estimated that the Department of Public Health will issue approximately 10 to 13 various types of permits. The number of permits is based on prior years and the knowledge of potential growth in the high desert. San Bernardino County Ordinance 1764 requires animal establishments to obtain a permit from the Department of Public Health on an annual basis. These permits are required to operate their facility.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by Sue Nash, Deputy County Counsel and Garry Morris, County Administrative Office.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of this contract will impose no local cost to the County. Adequate appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$ 2,500 have been included in the Department of Public Health's approved FY 2000-01 budget and will be included in the FY 2001-02 proposed budget. The Department of Public Health anticipates annual permit revenue generated in the amount of \$ 1,500, which is also included in the approved FY 2000-01 budget and FY 2001-02 proposed budget.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First District

**PRESENTER:**     Doug Hallen, Interim Public Health Program Administrator

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